

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 165 - SB 451**

March 3, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (004478):** Establishes that a person who utilizes a dog guide or a trainer working with a dog guide in training is subject to the same liability for damages caused by the dog guide as would be applied to a person whose pet causes such damage. Specifies that a place of public accommodation is not required to provide care, food, or a special location for a dog guide or dog guide in training. Expands the penalty for the offense of misrepresentation of a service animal to include 100 hours of community service.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Establishing that the person responsible for a dog guide in a public accommodation is liable for damages is not expected to create a significant fiscal impact to state or local government as it is assumed that most events resulting in such damage occur on private property.
- It is possible that the clarity regarding damages liability could help a public entity, such as an institute of public education, recoup expenditures related to any such damage; however, the timing and extent of any potential recovered damages is unknowable and otherwise assumed to be not significant.
- Any fiscal impact related to community service requirements will be borne by private parties.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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